

## AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

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Mr. WHITE, from the Committee on Interstate Commerce, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 63]

The Committee on Interstate Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 63) to amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, so as to prohibit interference with the broadcasting of noncommercial cultural or educational programs, having considered the same, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

This bill is a counterpart of the bill (S. 1957) which was considered by the committee during the Seventy-eighth Congress. S. 1957 was ordered reported by a unanimous vote of the committee and passed the Senate without objection on December 14, 1944.

The purpose of this legislation is briefly set forth in the attached report of the Federal Communications Commission.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,  
Washington, D. C., August 1, 1944.

HON. BURTON K. WHEELER,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR WHEELER: This is in further reply to your letter of May 31, 1944, in which you invite the Commission's comments concerning the proposed amendments to the Communications Act embodied in S. 1957 entitled "A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, so as to prohibit interference with the broadcasting of noncommercial cultural or educational programs."

It appears that the proposed amendment is designed primarily to prevent the occurrence of incidents similar to that which occurred at Interlochen, Mich., a few years ago. At that time, as you will recall, a scheduled broadcast over the network of the National Broadcasting Co. by the National High School Symphony Orchestra from the National Music Camp at Interlochen was canceled because of the objection of the American Federation of Musicians that broadcasts by amateur musicians might result in competition with broadcasts by professionals.

Insofar as the proposed bill (S. 1957) is designed to prevent the recurrence of such an incident, it represents a desirable objective and merits consideration by your committee.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that it has no objection to the submission of these comments.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES LAWRENCE FLY, *Chairman.*